(c) The details of the action taken so far/proposed to be taken *inter-alia* include: establishment of Clearance Delivery Position to enable pilots to expedite departures; introduction of Auto Release procedures to release the departures on standard routes upto a certain height for expeditious departures; deployment of additional manpower; creating separate helipads and corridors for helicopters; construction of new high speed exit and parallel taxiways to reduce the runway occupancy time and enable operations from both the runways; restructuring of airspace; filling up of vacant posts in ATC; upgradation of Air Traffic Control Automation System and installation of Advanced Surface Movement Guidance & Control System; introduction of Air Traffic Flow Management System to enable the departures from airports other than Delhi and Mumbai.

Profits Earned by IA

594. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines which was in the red earlier, now started making profits due to restructuring by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the total profit which Indian Airlines made during the year 2004-2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines is likely to earn an estimated net profit (after tax) of Rs. 17.50 crores in the year 2004-2005.

Air connectivity to Middle-East Countries

595. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large chunk of non-resident Indians are working in Arab and Middle East countries;

(b) whether flights to those countries are not adequate and also the fare is very high;